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- 1) Amendment & Response to the January 13, 2004 Office Action;
- 2) Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time together with a check in the amount of \$475- representing the prescribed fee(s), Check No.: 714933;
- 3) This Transmittal Letter (x2); and
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AMENDMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated January 13, 2004 and request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.